

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 176

By Hackworth

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Clinton Middle School football team on winning the East Tennessee Middle School Athletics Association "AAA" Championship.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful school athletic teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy team is the Clinton Middle School Hawks, who won their fourth East Tennessee Middle School Athletic Association "AAA" Championship with a hard fought 14-13 win over Lenoir City on November 1, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Hawks succeeded under the phenomenal instruction of coaches Robbie Herrell, Mark Smith, Corey Benjamin, Adam Smith, Rob Harmening, Jason Leinart, and Jerry Graham; and

WHEREAS, the team achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2008 season, outscoring their opponents 221 points to 125 points during the regular season, and 126 points to 34 points in the playoffs; and

WHEREAS, the Hawks were led to victory by All District players Robert Bolden, Gunter Hedges, Dylan Kear, Brice Kidwell, Cameion Patrick, and Dusty Smith; and

WHEREAS, the other esteemed members of the Clinton Middle School Hawks Football Team include Logan Pack, Manny Johnson, Victor Tarter, Alex Willard, Shane Hooks, Brett Foust, Will Leinart, Blake Stewart, Zack Gefferion, Austin Sweet, Andrew Butler, Eric Taylor, John Freels, Jordan Randolph, Dustin Ridsen, Austin Brooks, Bishop Reed, Austin Sherwood, Ben Ross, Zachary Bunch, Jeremy Jenkins, Reggie Wilcox, Stephen Antonelli, Justin Nichols, Mathew Pyke, Matt Duncan, Skylar Douglas, John Ross, Tyler Mullins, Kyle Gaddis, Sean

Montgomery, Daniel Ambrose, Clayton Taylor, Charles Smith, Cameron Nelson, Hunter Scarborough, Bradley Varner, Todd Whitaker, and James Newton; and

WHEREAS, cheering the Hawks to the championship were cheerleaders Hayley Albright, Kimberly Bean, Savannah Brogdon, Shelby Carter, Laura Clapp, Baylee Duncan, Taylor Jordan, Krista Lane, Danielle Newport, Rachel Scarbrough, Sarah Shelton, Molly Waggoner, McKenzie Ballard, Michāla Beal, Emma Berry, Courtney Fritts, Savannah Fritts, Jordan Gambrell, Cassidy Givens, and D'Kyea Jones; and

WHEREAS, other noteworthy supporters of the Hawks include Clinton Middle School Principal Bob Stokes; Clinton Middle School Athletic Director Ben Weaver; the voice of the Hawks John Tipton; video technician Rob Harmening; and, playing Mo Hawk the mascot, Kylar Walters; and

WHEREAS, the Hawks' dedicated managers are Melissa Dills, Kennedy Hancock, Shelby McCarty, Sydney Redfeairn, and Sabrina Thompson; and

WHEREAS, displaying great sportsmanship and outstanding spirit, the Smyrna Clinton Middle School Hawks have conducted themselves in a manner appropriate to the integrity of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee takes great pride in the tremendous accomplishments of those student athletes who have excelled both on the field and in the classroom; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate the Clinton Middle School football team on capturing the 2008 East Tennessee Middle School Athletics Association "AAA" Championship.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.